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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click <u>here</u>.

City Council, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a

Friday, February 21, 2014

City seeks volunteers to help with Master Plan update

Are you wondering how to make a positive contribution to the future of Dover? Here's one way to help:

The Dover Planning Board and the Planning Department are seeking Dover residents interested in volunteering on a new committee assembled to update a chapter of the Dover Master Plan. The Land Use chapter, which was prepared in 2007, needs an update. As part of the process, the Planning Board is creating a steering committee to oversee the work and to ensure ample opportunity for public participation during the process. The steering committee will consist of five to seven members and will work closely with the Planning Department and the planning consultant hired by the City. The goal is to form a steering committee that is diverse in interests and areas of expertise. This process is expected to take approximately six months.

The Master Plan, which is a blueprint for the City's future development and acts as both a reference and policy document, is updated every five to 10 years by the Planning Board. The Master Plan is designed to help a community meet change responsibly, guiding its growth in an orderly manner.

If interested in serving on the steering committee, please contact City Planner Steve Bird at 603-516-6008 or s.bird@dover.nh.gov.

regular meeting, followed but a workshop session, on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click <u>here</u>.

To view the workshop agenda, click <u>here</u>.

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

To view meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.



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Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Strafford County delegation meets this Saturday

The Strafford County Delegation, which consists of all elected state representatives from Strafford County, including Dover, will meet on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9 a.m., to deliberate the proposed 2014 county budget. The budget was presented to the delegation in January by the County Commission. The delegation is required to approve a budget by April 1. The adopted budget will determine the county portion of the tax rate for all Strafford County communities.

The meeting will be held at the William A. Grimes Justice and Administration building, 259 County farm Road, in Dover. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed 2014 county budget can be viewed <u>here</u>.

For more information, call 603-516-7100.

Dover Police Department holds annual awards ceremony

The Dover Police Department held its annual awards ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, to recognize its awards winners for 2013.



The recipients are:

- Medals of Valor: Lt. Brad Gould and Officer Andrew Choi:
- Employee of the Year: Lt. Brad Gould;
- Traffic Officer of the Year: Officer David Collis;
- Looking Beyond the Traffic Stop Award: Officer Petros Lazos:
- Outstanding Partner: New Hampshire State Police Troop A;
- Chief Daniel Smith Award for Exceptional Service: Dispatcher John Nelson;
- James A Ridings Memorial Shooting Awards: third place, Officer Scottt Petrin; second place, Officer Andrew Choi; first place, Officer John Tarmey;
- Chief's Trophy Shoot Winner: Officer John Tarmey

Read more about the awards ceremony <u>here</u> in Foster's Daily Democrat.

Dover Main Street opens new office in donated space

Dover Main Street announced this week that Chinburg Management Company has donated space at the Cochecho Falls Millworks building to the nonprofit organization. The new Dover Main Street office is located on the third floor at the Millworks and overlooks Central Avenue in Dover. Dover Main Street is a nonprofit downtown revitalization organization established in 1999 that operates under the auspices of the National Main Street Center, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"We are thrilled to once again have an office as a base to serve our Main Street community and this was made possible by this very generous in-kind donation," said Michele Alexander, executive director of Dover Main Street. "We appreciate that Chinburg Management sees the value that our organization provides to our City and was willing sponsor our space in this beautiful historic mill building in the heart of downtown."

The Cocheco Falls Millworks is in the process of undergoing major transformation. This historic complex of buildings located in the center of downtown Dover now has a mix of new studio, loft, one- and two-bedroom apartments. The Mill has become a thriving mixed-use community with the addition of new apartments to the current mix of businesses and restaurants.

David Schleyer, assistant property manager at the Millworks, said, "Dover Main Street programs and events bring activity to the City that our tenants enjoy, and they promote and encourage economic development by helping to make downtown a desirable place to locate and visit. We view this donated space as our contribution to this important organization that adds so much value to our community."

Chinburg Management is a sponsor of the Dover Main Street Dinner and Movie series that launched last summer in the Cochecho Millworks courtyard. The event draws over 150 people on summer and fall evenings to enjoy food from local restaurants while watching films on a giant outdoor screen.

For more information, contact Dover Main Street at 603-740-6435 or visit <u>dovermainstreet.org</u>.

February vacation week programs at the Dover Library

Take a break from the snowy, cold weather and stop by the Dover Public Library during school vacation week, Feb. 24-March 1, for free activities and entertainment.

Children of all ages are invited to make a "Rainbow Windsock" to hang outside in the March winds at the "Makeit, Take-it" craft table in the Children's Room anytime during the week. All materials will be provided.

Saturday, Feb. 22, is Lego Day. Use the Library's blocks or bring your own to build and create. Meet new friends, share your building tips, get new ideas, and have fun.

Bozzie, a Certified Therapy Dog, and her handler, Lori, will be in the Children's Room for the "Paws for Reading" program on Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 4-5 p.m. Sign up ahead of time to read to Bozzie or drop by to say hello. Call 603-516-6052 to sign up.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m., Miss Tina will present a special drop-in story time with a weather-related theme. All children and caregivers are welcome to attend in the Lecture Hall. No registration is necessary.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, at 10:30 a.m., award-winning musician Steve Blunt will entertain with his interactive musical show for all ages. Steve is a part-time music teacher, part-time singer/storyteller. He started creating songs for children back in the mid 90's while working as a middle school English teacher and raising a young daughter. Critics have called his original performances "funny", heartfelt" and "engaging". All are welcome to this free performance.



Steve Blunt

Two Saturday movie matinees will bookend the school vacation week. On Saturday, Feb. 22, the library will screen "Ender's Game" (PG-13), and on Saturday, March 1, the feature film will be "Alpha & Omega 2" (PG). All Saturday matinees start at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall and viewers may bring their own popcorn and snacks.



Blasting to resume at Spaulding Turnpike project

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces blasting work associated with the Spaulding Turnpike widening project is scheduled to resume the week of Feb. 24, 2014.

Blasting in the median area between the northbound and southbound lanes between exits 1 and 3 in Newington will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Both northbound and southbound traffic will be impacted during the periodic blasts. State Police rolling roadblocks will be used to keep traffic from the work zones during the blasts.

Motorists can expect delays and some backups during this blasting work, and are urged to keep safe following driving distances when proceeding through the work zone.

This work is part of a 2.8-mile widening project on a section of the Spaulding Turnpike in Newington and Dover. It begins at Exit 1 (Gosling Road) in Newington and extends past Exit 5 northbound in Dover. It includes a new full interchanges at Exit 3 (Woodbury Avenue), with a new bridge over the Spaulding Turnpike carrying Exit 3 traffic and connecting to Arboretum Drive in the Pease Tradeport.

Alvin J. Coleman and Sons, Inc. of Conway, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$43 million project, which has a completion date of July 2016.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and other

historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm.



Feb. 22, 1754 - Petitions for a new parish in Dover, by the name of Somersworth, were presented again this year, and the Assembly appointed a committee "to take a view of such part of Dover as may be necessary in order to judge whether the prayer of the petition ought to be granted or not, and make report thereof as soon as may be, the petitioners to be at the cost and charge thereof."



Feb. 23, 1917 - It is reported that the City of Dover's Street Department has spent \$129 per inch of snow in snow removal operations after a recent storm that dropped 10 inches of snow on the City.



Feb. 24, 1788 - A fight at a tavern in New Durham ends up in the fatal stabbing of Peter Drown by Elisha Thomas, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Thomas was sent to the jail in Dover where he was hanged in June of that year. It was Dover's first hanging. To read more about Dover's first hanging, visit the <u>Dover Public Library's page</u> about the event.



Feb. 25, 1738 - "At Oyster River, Mr. Pere's house was burnt down, and himself and four children consumed in the flames. His wife jumped out of a chamber window, but is scorched to such a degree that her life is despaired of." (Newspaper account)



Feb. 26, 1828 - Publication of Dover Enquirer commenced.

DoverPalooza is fun for all ages

Live music, local bands and a small, intimate crowd is what you can expect at the Dover Teen Center's "DoverPalooza."

On various Thursday or Friday nights, about once a month, "DoverPalooza" is a great place to see some live music acts. Each show is "all-ages," meaning parents, little brothers or sisters, and just about anyone is welcome.

Admission is free, as is the atmosphere since the Dover Teen Center promotes a substance-free, fun environment for all to enjoy.

Most shows at the Teen Center start around 6:30 p.m. and typically conclude by 10 p.m. Every show at the Teen Center has supervisory and intern staff available for assistance and monitor the event. While the center floor is wide open for grooving, dancing and chilling with friends, there are also seats that line the perimeter to take a load off, and take in the music.

Light towers and other festive décor turn the room into a fun, hip and happening "music underground" atmosphere.

"The audience is really great and I think kids have a lot of fun," said Tyler Burdwood, lead singer of the band Bellwire. "The TC is one of our favorite places to play live."

To find out more about upcoming DoverPalooza shows, as well as other events and happenings at the Dover Teen Center, visit www.dover.nh.gov/teencenter.htm.

Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and firstgrade registration for children as follows:

Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2014, entering kindergarten;

Children Six years old by Sept. 30, 2014, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

Horne Street School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Woodman Park Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Garrison Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools April 15-17.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

Stay social with your City





Want the latest announcements and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official Facebook page and twitter feed for the latest updates.

Main Street to host Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl

Join Dover Main Street for the first race in the Dover Race Series (www.doverraceseries.com), a 5k run, followed by a pub crawl at 13 participating downtown Dover restaurants.



The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl race will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. The pub crawl begins at 11 a.m. the race starts and ends on Chestnut Street, in front of the Dover Transportation Center.

To view the race course, click <u>here</u>.

The race is underwritten by D.F. Richard and sponsored by Orchard Title, Avalar Advantage Real Estate, Ross

Furniture and Relyco.

The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl is part of the 2014 Dover Race Series.

For more information, or to register, click here.

Winter parking ban in effect

A citywide winter parking ban is now in effect and will conclude April 1, 2014.

The ban requires that no vehicle be parked on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m., and is not limited to nights with snow in the forecast. Vehicles may park in city controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit.

The Library, Third Street and School Street parking lots have specific areas where overnight parking is allowed. Drivers should look for signs in the lots indicating which rows are available.

Vehicles found in violation of the winter parking ban will be issued a \$15 parking ticket. Vehicles interfering with snow removal may be towed.

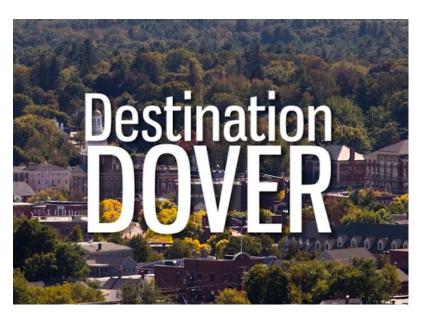
The city will also enact an emergency parking ban for the downtown area, when needed, to facilitate snow removal. The emergency parking ban will be announced by 3 p.m. each evening and take effect at 1 a.m. the following morning. When the emergency parking ban is in effect, any car parked on a downtown street will be towed. Notification of the emergency parking ban will be conducted through local media, the City of Dover website, cable channel 22 and Dover Download.

Downtown restaurants, bars and other late night business are encouraged to sign up for an e-mail notification of an emergency parking ban by contacting the Parking Bureau at parking@dover.nh.gov or by calling 516-2277.

Streets included in the emergency parking ban area are: Chestnut Street; Main Street; Chapel Street; School Street; First Street; Second Street; Locust Street from Washington to Silver Street; Washington Street from Belknap to River Street; Central Avenue from Sixth Street to Silver Street; Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets (Central to Chestnut); Henry Law Avenue from Central Avenue to George Street; Broadway from Central Avenue to St. John Street; Hale Street; St. Thomas Street from Central to Locust Street; Locust Street from Hale Street to Washington Street.

A map is posted at www.dover.nh.gov/policepdf/DnTnSnowEmergencyMap.pdf.

For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-2277.





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City's boards and commissions keep community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions. The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

There are a number of vacanices on current boards and commissions.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, visit www.dover.nh.gov/boards.htm.

To download an application for board and commissions, click **here**. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for upto-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, click **here**.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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